GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AWARDING OF FLIGHTS TO PRIVATE OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the flights awarded to foreign private operators by Civil Aviation Ministry during the last one year;

(b) the number of foreign private operators registered with Civil Aviation Department;

(c) the details of the operators making profit from the award of such flights; and

(d) whether this award has affected the functioning and profit of Indian Airlines and Air India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): Airlines are designated by the Government of the respective countries for operating to various international routes as per Air Services Agreements. They have majority ownership and substantive control of the nationals of that country. During the last one year bilateral civil aviation talks have been held with the Governments of Sri Lanka, Singapore, Qatar, Kenya, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Italy and three Gulf Air Owner States and about 15000 seats per week for each side in each direction have been cleared. Designated airlines of some of these countries have also been given access to additional airports in India.

(b): At present 51 foreign airlines are operating scheduled air services to/from/through India.

(c): Such figures in respect of foreign airlines are not available with the Government of India.

(d): Since the traffic rights are exchanged on the principle of reciprocity, equal rights also accrue to the Indian carriers. Moreover, in case of imbalance in operations, foreign airlines are also required to enter into commercial arrangement with national carriers.